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1. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT (REFS B AND C) THAT
DESPITE YOUR DETERMINED EFFORTS, THE FEBRUARY 1977 DRAFT
U.S.-JAPAN AGREEMENT IN HEALTH, BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND
REHABILITATION (REF A) IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE JAPANESE IN
ITS PRESENT FORM.

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2. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF INCREASED
COLLABORATION WITH THE JAPANESE IN THE FIELD OF BIOMEDICAL
RESEARCH AND HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT
PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE
PROGRAM HAVE BEEN EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL. WE
BELIEVE FURTHER THAT THE IDEA OF AN OVERALL OR UMBRELLA
AGREEMENT IS A GOOD ONE. APPARENTLY THE JAPANESE AGREE IN

PRINCIPLE WITH THE CONCEPT OF AN UMBRELLA AGREEMENT (REF C).
WE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THEM.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, WE DEEM IT ADVISABLE FORMALLY TO WITH-
DRAW THE FEBRUARY 1977 DRAFT U.S.-JAPAN AGREEMENT IN
HEALTH, BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH AND REHABILITATION FOR FURTHER
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